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## USAID – INAPA INAUGURATES AQUEDUCTS IN HATO MAYOR

**HATO MAYOR -** Ms. Elena Brineman, Director of the United States Agency for International Development along with Eng. Roberto Rodriguez, Director of the National Institute of Potable Water and Sewage (INAPA), inaugurated two water systems in Km. 15 and in Libonao located in the Hato Mayor province.

Attending the events were several representatives from different NGOs, such as Women in Development (MUDE), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Dominican Church Social Service (SSID) and the community.

Ms. Brineman expressed her satisfaction on the achievement of one of the most important aspirations of those communities, access to potable water and sanitation. She also noted the excellent participation of the entire community will be used by INAPA as a model in the rest of the country, because it promotes the decentralization of aqueduct systems in rural areas.

Ms. Brineman encouraged the community to keep up the good work and to keep the system working by paying their monthly bills and participating with the ONGs and INAPA to preserve their own good health conditions.

Eng. Roberto Rodriguez, INAPA Director; Mr. John McCuen, Director of CRS and Mr. Mota King, Executive Director of SSID, also expressed their satisfaction to the community on their hard work

Right after the inaugurations, Ms. Brineman proceeded to give out diplomas on the graduation of community promoters on hygiene behavior change on visited communities.